

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 11, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 442, HB 380
Executive Action: HB 306, HB 377, HB 387, HB 316
SB 152, SB 88, SB 168

00:00:00 Call to order

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 306

00:02:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kottel moved that **HB 306 DO PASS.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kottel,
Rep. Wilson and Rep. Roundstone voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 377

00:04:35 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 377 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:05:04 Rep. Barrett

00:05:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 377 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kottel,
Rep. Wilson and Rep. Roundstone voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 387

00:07:04 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 387 DO PASS.**

00:07:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 387 BE AMENDED.**
Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(trh32a01)

00:08:18 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 387 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep.
Kottel, Rep. Roundstone and Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 316

00:09:34 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 316 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

(Rep. Wilson, Rep. Kottel and Rep. Roundstone arrived.)

00:09:46 Rep. Arntzen

00:11:00 Rep. Berry

00:11:28 Rep. Ebinger

00:11:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 316 BE TABLED**.
Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Barrett,
Rep. Ebinger, Rep. Kottel, Rep. Roundstone, and Rep.
Wilson voting no.

HEARING ON HB 442

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:10 Rep. Wayne Stahl (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on
HB 442, Revise motor vehicle fees for quality educator
cars for kids payment.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:04 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers' Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:21 Rep. Arntzen
00:20:31 Rep. Stahl
00:22:11 Rep. Ebinger
00:22:41 Rep. Stahl

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:13 Rep. Stahl

HEARING ON HB 380

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:28 Rep. Wayne Stahl (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on
HB 380, Revise motor vehicle fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:06 Sen. John Brenden, SD 18, Scobey, Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:10 Rep. Berry
00:28:19 Sen. Brenden

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:37 Mark Swanson, President, Farm Equipment Sales

00:29:36 Sarah Swanson, Farm Equipment Sales

[EXHIBIT\(trh32a02\)](#)

00:35:02 Brad Griffin, Montana Equipment Dealers Association

[EXHIBIT\(trh32a03\)](#)

00:37:04 Brenda Nordlund, Attorney, Motor Vehicle Division,
Department of Justice

[EXHIBIT\(trh32a04\)](#)

00:41:12 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:50 Rep. Kottel

00:42:09 Rep. Wilson

00:42:25 Chairman Sonju

00:42:37 Ms. Swanson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:40 Rep. Stahl

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 152

00:46:21 Rep. Kottel

00:46:46 Chairman Sonju

00:47:57 Ms. Nordlund

00:48:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **SB 152 BE
CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 88

00:50:38 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **SB 88 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:50:54 **Motion:** Rep. Arntzen moved that **SB 88 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(trh32a05\)](#)

Discussion:

00:52:49 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division

00:54:24 Rep. Arntzen

00:55:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:55:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **SB 88 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:58:13 Ms. Weiss

00:59:10 Rep. Vance

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 168

00:59:33 **Motion:** Rep. Kottel moved that **SB 168 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:02:04 Rep. MacDonald

01:02:45 Ms. Weiss

01:03:25 Chairman Sonju

01:04:03 Rep. Kottel

01:04:39 Rep. Barrett

01:05:52 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Vance made a substitute motion that **SB 168 BE TABLED**.

Discussion:

01:06:35 Rep. Berry

01:06:59 Rep. Kottel

01:08:47 Rep. Ebinger

01:09:22 Rep. Taylor

01:10:00 Chairman Sonju

01:10:39 Rep. Ebinger

01:11:09 Rep. Arntzen

01:12:14 Rep. Kottel

01:14:00 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Sonju, Rep. Taylor, and Rep. Vance voting aye.

01:15:00 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Barrett, Rep. Berry, Rep. Ebinger, Rep. MacDonald, and Rep. Sonju voting aye.

01:17:10 Ms. Weiss

ADJOURNMENT

01:17:21 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([trh32aad.pdf](#))